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May it please your Highness

It is a long time since I had the honor of enjoying your hospitality and conversation on current topics.

I am now getting older and older and Imust give your Highness my views on state of political affairs inMysore for your calm consideration and action.

Perhaps you have seen leading articles in the Times. the Madras Mailetc onthe want of dynamic force in the administration.There is no efficiency anywhere.Public money is wasted on favourites with no characteror qualifications.The other day Ihad a talk with MrBowring and other officerswho unanimously condemned the appointment ofMrMirza Ismail as Huzoor Secretary,an ordinary assistant commissioner on Rs350going over the heads of somany as 36ablermen to get1000amonth and that of your sheristdar as amildar of Mulbagal through backdoor influence.Such interferencesand acts deranged the efficiency of the service.
If your Highness has read Prof.Geddes lectures on town planningand understood them as the Karnataka has exposed God will most certainly call your highness to account on wasting nearly 50 lakhs of rupeeson the socalled improvement of Mysore .

Tehe general impression among the European community is that there is no one in the service who has either independence of characteror sense of duty or honesty of purposeand that your highness is meanminded.Please

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excuse the expression.The idea is that your highness does not like strong and just men.If so,woe be to Mysore.The Euro-peans do not seem to think much of Mr Campbell.they call him a sneak and hypocrite.Indians officers of Mysore think him to be the curse of the state as he is neitherhonest for 3000 rs amonthof poor peoples money nor upright.He seems to speak a lot oflies.

So is the case of the present LtcolJones.So of Messrs Chatterton,Coleman and Krumbiegel hideous german.There does not seem to be any gentleman at all in the service.

Your HIghness surroundings are of the same reputation.

I only beg of your highness to see with your own ~~ears~~ eyes and hear with ypur own ears and judge.Remember the words of advice that fell from the lips of Lord Curzonon your installation.Be just and do your duty. and admire and appreciate those qualities suitably whereever found in the service.You have a lot of Nonmysoreans on the top of the ladder in the service and when they begin to ruleBritish interference will certainly occurfor the good government of the people of Mysore under 21st article of the treaty as there is already muchillfeeling between Mysore and nonmysore.

With best prayers,

Your highness'loyal subject who know

P.S.

I am very sorry to hear that your brother s mor morals are very loose on account of his associations and it is said that though he talks nicely his actions do not bear him out.